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SUBJECT: PREMIER ANNOUNCES ELECTIONS AND FORESEES INDEPENDENCE

REF BRIDGETOWN 796

1. PREMIER ROBERT BRADSHAW OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, WHO TOLD US LAST MAY THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS A LONG WAY OFF (REFTEL) HAS APPARENTLY CHANGED HIS MIND. IN ANNOUNCING THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1 (ACCORDING TO A REUTER-CANA REPORT FROM BASSETERRE), THE PREMIER CALLED ON THE ELECTORATE TO AFFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS EMPOWERED TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE EITHER IN ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER CARICOM STATES OR ON ITS OWN; AND THAT THERE SHALL BE NO SECESSION OF NEVIS FROM THE UNITARY STATE OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA. BRADSHAW ALSO SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DESERVED TO BE RETURNED TO POWER FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

2. COMMENT: WITHOUT HAVING SPECIFIED WHEN HE THOUGHT INDEPENDENCE WOULD COME, BRADSHAW HAS IN THESE LATEST REMARKS MADE IT SEEM NOT TOO DISTANT. HE NO DOUBT CONSIDERS THAT IT

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IS A GOOD ISSUE ON WHICH TO RUN AS THE DESIRE FOR INDEPEDENCE

SWEEPS ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN. IF HE WERE TO MAKE THE LEAP  
TO INDEPENDENCE AS THINGS NOW STAND, HE WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT  
THE LOSS OF ANGUILLA IN THE PROCESS AND TO CONTEND WITH SECESSIONIST  
SENTIMENT IN NEVIS AS WELL. PERHAPS HE IS PREPARED FOR THIS.  
ANGULLA AND THE UK ARE ON FINAL DRAFT OF A CONSTITUTION FOR  
THE ISLAND, WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT  
OF DETACHING ANGUILLA FROM ST. KITTS AND NEVIS.  
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